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OF MALTED CEREALS

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Dear Sir:

As a result of the interview on February 18, 2000, please
amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for the preparation of a
malted cereal comprising: introducing activated spores in an
amount of at least 1×10^2 per gram of dry cereal to a cereal
before or during a malting process.

53. (Once Amended) A method as recited in claim 52
wherein, the activated spores are activated by treatments
selected from the group consisting of
[cycles of wetting,
cycles of drying,]
cycles of wetting and drying,
addition of nutritional supplies [or addition of spore